Image

## In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Applicants: J. Peter et al Group Art Unit: 1714

Patent Application

Serial No: 10/006,714 Examiner: Tae H. Yoon

Filed: December 10, 2001 Attorney Docket: 200-095

For: Method for Making a Rubber

Base Composition Containing

Silicic Acid

## Response

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed on January 22, 2004, the applicant herewith elects to prosecute claims 1 to 12 drawn to a method of making a silicic acid containing rubber composition.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Ottesen Reg. No. 25,544

Walter Ottesen Patent Attorney P.O. Box 4026 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20885-4026

Phone: (301) 869-8950

Date: February 5, 2004